

DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

PROPOSED REGULATIONS – PERMIT REFORM ACT

The Department of Food and Agriculture, Meat and Poultry Inspection, is proposing to amend section 300(c) of Chapter 4, Division 1, Title 3, of the California Code of Regulations, to read as follows:

Section 300. Permit Processing Times (Including Licenses, Permits, Registrations and Certificates).

(a) Within the number of calendar days of receipt of an application for a permit shown in column A of subsection (c), the Department shall inform the applicant in writing that the application is either complete and accepted for filing, or that it is deficient, and what specific information or documentation is required to complete the application. An application is considered complete if all necessary fees and information required by the application form have been submitted.

(b) Within the number of calendar days after receipt of a complete application, as shown in column B of subsection (c), the Department shall approve or disapprove the application.

(c) The Department's minimum, median, and maximum time periods, in calendar days, for processing an application from the receipt of the initial application to the final decision, based on the Department's actual performance during the two years immediately preceding the proposal of this section, are shown in columns C, D, and E of the chart which follows:

| | A | B | C | D | E |
|---|--|--|-----------------|---|------------------|
| | Maximum time for notifying that application is complete or deficient (Days) | Maximum time after receipt of a complete application to approve or deny permit (Days) | | ACTUAL DAYS TO PROCESS BASED UPON PRIOR TWO YEARS | |
| Permit Type | | | Minimum | Median (Days) | Maximum |
| (1) Animal Health and Food Safety Services: | | | | | |
| Livestock Meat Inspector License ¹ | 14 | 60 | 1 | 29 | 325 |
| Poultry Meat Inspector License ¹ | 14 | 60 | 5 | 76 | 162 |
| Retail Meat Processing Establishment License ¹ | 14 | 60 | 1 | 34 | 237 |
| Custom Livestock Slaughter Establishment License ¹ | 14 | 60 | 6 | 62 | 163 |
| Poultry Plant License ¹ | 14 | 60 | 19 | 68 | 194 |
| Pet Food Processor ¹ | 14 | 60 | 48 | 116 | 185 |
| Horsemeat and Pet Food Importers ¹ | 14 | 60 | 15 | 32 | 49 |
| <u>Dead Hauler License</u> | <u>14</u> | <u>60</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>11</u> | <u>13</u> |
| <u>---Renewal</u> | <u>14</u> | <u>60</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> |

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¹ Median processing time for renewals does not exceed 7 days.

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NOTE: Authority cited: 15376, Government Code; and Section 407, Food and Agricultural Code. Reference: Section 15376, Government Code.